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GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,

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REPORT.

General Headquarters M. N. G.,
Adjutant General's Office,
Annapolis, January 1st, 1870.

To the Honorable Oden Bowie,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit the following Report of the condition of the Maryland National Guard, and the workings of the department now under my superintendence.

The organization is in a prosperous and flourishing condition, and has, in my opinion, approached as nearly to perfection as a purely Militia Organization can be brought in time of peace. Its effective numerical strength is shown by an accompanying table, compiled from the Muster-Rolls, on file in this office, and marked "*Exhibit A.*" To this paper your attention is respectfully called.

On assuming the duties of this office, my attention was called to the fact, that there had been no provision made for an Engineer Corps, without which no Military Organization can be made complete. I immediately called into consultation the following gentlemen—all of them graduated engineers, to wit: H. V. F. Von Stamp, Alexander V. Mitzel, Charles E. Cassell, and John Laing, Esqs., placed my views before them, and obtaining their pledge of hearty personal co-operation, issued the following circular, herewith forwarded and marked "*Exhibit B.*" Those gentlemen have been untiring in their efforts, and now have upon their Rolls the names of 103 men applying for membership. The ad-

vantage of this organization to the State at large, its great benefit to its individual members, and the field of knowledge which it opens to a large class of our citizens, who have not heretofore enjoyed similar opportunities, I trust will secure your approval of the enterprise.

I desire to call your attention particularly to the Artillery arm of the service. Its membership merit the highest praise. Without a gun, with the merest apology for an Armory, with no means of perfecting themselves in their drill, subjected during a period of two years, to many disappointments, well calculated to dispirit and disorganize, they, nevertheless, continued their regular meetings, were constantly drilled by their officers in the use of the sabre, the only character of arms with which the State could supply them, and throughout the whole period of the long delay in the procurement of their guns, they maintained the highest "*Esprit du Corps*," and evinced such patience and determination in the discharge of soldierly duties, as to challenge the approval and encouragement of this office. In this connection, I beg to add, that the assurance you gave me of providing the guns in question, with the least possible delay, was confirmed by the official courtesy of the late lamented Secretary of War, General Rawlins, and of his efficient Chief of Ordnance, General Dyer, they being promptly furnished by those officers, on proper requisition from these Headquarters. The State now possesses twelve 12-pounder "Napoleons" complete, which I have divided into three 4-gun batteries.

The duties of the office, which I have the honor to hold, have necessarily made me thoroughly conversant with the workings of the present Militia Law of our State. (Act 1868, ch. 414,) and the suggestions of a wide experience, have convinced me, that its general provisions are so very objectionable as to require at the hands of the incoming Legislature radical changes. Referring particularly to the "Two Dollars" capitation clause, (and avowing the most profound respect for the high authority which enacted the law,) I can scarcely regard that special feature, as less than a serious grievance suffered by our people. It certainly

cannot be strictly enforced without inflicting great injustice and hardship upon the working people—a large and meritorious part of our community—a class embracing in a large degree all the attributes of good-citizenship, and as such deserving and demanding the fullest protection and favor of our laws. The established arrangements between labor and capital, demand the earnest devotion of the laborer to his calling, during ordinary business hours, and the hard-earned reward of that devotion, is, frequently, too often indeed, insufficient to meet the requirements of his family's support. To attempt to enforce the collection of this tax by resort to imprisonment, is simply cruel, and, I respectfully submit, not at all in accordance with the spirit of free institutions. Moreover, the clause in question is absurdly inoperative. It can be collected from not more than one man in twenty, and of the small proportion so collected, at least one half, or more is absorbed in the payment of Magistrates' fees in "non-est," and "non-suited" cases; or worthless judgments are entered in favor of the State, which the poverty, or financial irresponsibility of the defendant invariably baffles in their execution.

I respectfully suggest further, that our entire Militia can be fully supported, and to the entire satisfaction of the people, at an expense scarcely to be felt, when paid directly out of the State Treasury; nor do I believe that State taxation will be seriously increased by such a course, perhaps less than one-half cent in the one hundred dollars, and when tax-payers are brought to consider, that in supporting a well governed Militia in Maryland, they are but obeying a suggestion of the Federal Law, and that the General Government has never refused or failed to return to the respective States, monies expended for the National defences, good citizens will cheerfully accord the small amount required of themselves to keep up an organization which can be made their pride at all times, and their sure defence in time of hostile emergency.

Bringing this organization to its present state of discipline and efficiency, necessarily involved great personal labor,

and a considerable expenditure of money. After a service of two years, the larger proportion of the "old" uniforms had to be altered, repaired or renovated; new uniforms had to be supplied to men recruited in the place of deserters, and entire uniforms and equipments furnished the new companies organized and accepted during the present year. Notwithstanding, however, the pecuniary outlay necessary to these and other circumstances of the service, it is my pleasure to state that at the expiration of the fiscal year, not one cent of the appropriation for 1869 had been expended, nor will the appropriation be seriously infringed upon when the January bills are paid, and I feel justified in the assertion, that an annual appropriation of fifty thousand dollars will enable the State to maintain in a healthful and effective condition her Militia forces, and enable you, sir, should the contingency befall, to present to the National Government, troops in regard to any military appointment inferior to no similar organization within the limits of the Union.

There are other considerations to which the length of this communication prevents my calling your Excellency's especial attention, but they are embraced in suggestions for a "Militia Law," herewith forwarded, marked "*Exhibit C*," and to which I respectfully refer you, with the hope, that it may secure to me the gratification of your approval.

I respectfully request that a committee of the Legislature be appointed to look into the workings of the office under the present law, so that the Legislature may be satisfied that the changes I suggest are absolutely necessary.

There are a number of old muskets, pistols, &c., stored at Annapolis, which can never be used by the State, and I respectfully suggest that the General Assembly pass a resolution, directing the Adjutant General to have them surveyed, and such as cannot be used, be condemned—and sold at Public Auction, and the proceeds placed to the credit of the military fund.

The duties of the office in Annapolis have consisted largely in furnishing the Comptroller of the State, or the Attorneys of cliamants for Bounty under our State Laws, with such

authenticated extracts from our Records as are necessary to exhibit in each case the military service and status of the claimant. The Records of the office are unfortunately so materially deficient in every particular, that the task of supplying the evidence to establish the claims, has been attended with serious difficulties, involving an extensive correspondence with the Heads of the Military Department at the seat of the Federal Government, where most of the information has to be sought. In addition to this, it has been found necessary to notify each claimant or agent addressing the office of the action taken in his case, and to attend to the demands of numberless individuals interested in some form in the late war, by supplying such information as the rules of the office permit. From these causes, the correspondence has been wide and various, and occupied a large portion of such time as could be spared from the preparation of rolls, registering, applications, and other duties proper to the office.

Between the 7th of April of the current year, and the present date, the total number of rolls furnished the Comptroller, or the Attorneys for claimants of Military Bounty under our State Laws, for the purpose of facilitating the settlement of claims, amounts to 463. The certificates of discharge and of death, and other forms of evidence, supplied by this office is 191, making in all 654.

It is proper to state in this connexion that every possible precaution has been exercised, through a narrow scrutiny into the military service of each claimant for Bounty, and by carefully withholding all information furnished by our files, except from parties duly authorized to receive it, to insure the protection of the State against fraud, and it is hoped that this purpose has been successfully accomplished.

Exhibit "A."

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.

First Division—*Baltimore City.*

Major General.....R. N. BOWERMAN.
Brigadier Genl....HARRISON ADREON, *Asst. Adjt. Genl.*
Staff..... .....22.

First Brigade.

Brigadier General.....James F. Cooper.
Colonel.....William H. Gregg, *Asst. Adjt. Genl.*
Staff..... .....12.

First Cavalry Battalion, First Brigade,

Lieut. Colonel.....Philip M. Snowden.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff.....	Baltimore City.....	5.....	
Non-com. Staff.....	"	.....	 5
Company A.....	"	..... 3.....	61
do B.....	"	..... 3.....	80
do C.....	"	..... 3.....	70
		14	216

Aggregate.....230.

First Regiment Infantry—Colonel D. A. Fenton.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	8	
Non-com. Staff	"		7
Band and Drum Corps.	"		40
Company A	"	3	64
do. B	"	3	58
do. C	"	3	58
do. D	"	3	54
do. E	"	3	50
do. F	"	3	50
do. G	"	3	47
do. H	"	3	52
do. I	"	3	51
do. K	"	3	48
		38	579

Aggregate.....617.

Second Regiment Infantry—Colonel W. L. Schley.

Designation	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	9	
Non-com. Staff	"		6
Band and Drum Corps.	"		20
Company A	"	3	48
do. B	"	3	65
do. C	"	3	52
do. D	"	3	60
do. E	"	3	54
do. F	"	3	56
do. G	"	3	58
do. H	"	3	50
do. I	"	3	48
do. K	"	3	54
		39	571

Aggregate.....610.

Third Regiment Infantry—Colonel Clarence Peters.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	7	
Non-com. Staff	"		5
Band and Drum Corps	"		22
Company A	"	3	65
do. B	"	3	60
do. C	"	3	39
do. D	"	3	52
do. E	"	3	68
do. F	"	3	65
do. G	"	3	65
do. H	"	3	48
do. I	"	3	55
do. K	"	3	47
		37	581

Aggregate.....618.

Fourth Regiment Infantry—Colonel A. H. Leftwitch.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	7	
Non-com. Staff	"		6
Band and Drum Corps	"		22
Company A	"	3	64
do. B	"	3	50
do. C	"	3	49
do. D	"		
do. E	"	3	62
do. F	"	3	54
do. G	"	3	56
do. H	"		
do. I	"	3	52
do. K	"	3	63
		31	478

Aggregate.....509.

SECOND BRIGADE—*Baltimore City.*

Brig. and Brvt. Major General.....ROBERT H. CARR.
Colonel.....ALBERT RITCHIE, *Asst. Adjt. Gen.*
Staff..... .....15.

First Cavalry Battalion, Second Brigade.

Major.....JOSEPH RAIBER.

DESIGNATION.	LOCATION.	OFFICERS.	ENLISTED MEN.
Field and Staff.....	Baltimore City.....	5.....	
Non-com. Staff.....	"	.....	 4
Company A.....	"	..... 3.....	63
do. B.....	"	..... 3.....	52
do. C.....	"	..... 3.....	58
do. D.....	"	.....	.....
		14	177

Aggregate.....191.

Fifth Regiment Infantry—Colonel JAMES R. HERBERT.

DESIGNATION.	LOCATION.	OFFICERS.	ENLISTED MEN.
Field and Staff.....	Baltimore City.....	7.....	
Non-com. Staff.....	"	.....	 6
Band and Drum Corps..	"	.....	 50
Company A.....	"	..... 3.....	38
do. B.....	"	..... 3.....	48
do. C.....	"	..... 3.....	50
do. D.....	"	..... 3.....	48
do. E.....	"	..... 3.....	61
de. F.....	"	..... 3.....	60
do. G.....	"	..... 3.....	51
do. H.....	"	..... 3.....	54
do. I.....	"	..... 3.....	49
do. K.....	"	..... 3.....	47
		37	572

Aggregate.....609.

Sixth Regiment Infantry—Colonel R. G. King.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	8	
Non-com. Staff	"		6
Band and Drum Corps	"		22
Company A	"	3	65
do. B	"	3	64
do. C	"	3	64
do. D	"	3	65
do. E	"	3	55
do. F	"	3	65
do. G	"	3	63
do. H	"	3	65
do. I	"	3	50
do. K	"	3	65
		38	649

Aggregate.....687.

Seventh Regiment Infantry—Colonel W. H. Boyle.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	8	
Non-com. Staff	"		6
Band and Drum Corps	"		22
Company A	"	3	51
do. B	"	3	51
do. C	"	3	60
do. D	"	3	64
do. E	"	3	49
do. F	"	3	57
do. G	"	3	55
do. H	"	3	56
do. I	"	3	60
do. K	"	3	52
		38	582

Aggregate.....620.

Eighth Regiment Infantry—Colonel B. L. Simpson.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	8	
Non-com. Staff	"		7
Band and Drum Corps	"		22
Company A	"	3	55
do. B	"	3	58
do. C	"	3	49
do. D	"		
do. E	"		
do. F	"	3	61
do. G	"	3	65
do. H	"		
do. I	"	3	65
do. K	"	3	68
		29	450

Aggregate.....479.

Ninth Regiment Infantry—Colonel E. T. Joyce.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	8	
Non-com. Staff	"		5
Band and Drum Corps.	"		38
Company A	"	3	67
do. B	"	3	62
do. C	"	3	54
do. D	"	3	62
do. E	"	3	63
do. F	"	3	48
do. G	"	3	53
do. H	"	3	54
do. I	"	3	50
do. K	"	3	45
		38	601

Aggregate.....639.

First Artillery Battalion—Colonel JOHN MCNULTY.

DESIGNATION.	LOCATION.	OFFICERS.	ENLISTED MEN.
Field and Staff	Baltimore City	9	
Non-com. Staff	"		7
Battery A	"	5	96
do. B	"	5	80
do. C	"	5	98
		24	281

Aggregate.....305.

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.

SECOND DIVISION—*Baltimore County.*

Tenth Regiment Infantry—Colonel JAMES MAHOOL.

DESIGNATION.	LOCATION.	OFFICERS.	ENLISTED MEN.
Field and Staff	Baltimore County	9	
Non-com. Staff	"		5
Band and Drum Corps.	"		20
Company A	"	3	66
do. B	"	3	49
do. C	"	3	47
do. D	"	3	52
do. E	"	3	58
do. F	"	3	50
do. G	"	3	48
do. H	"	3	53
do. I	"	3	46
do. K	"	3	40
		39	534

Aggregate.....573.

Fourteenth Regiment Infantry.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Cecil County		
Non-com. Staff	"		
Band and Drum Corps.	"		
Company A	"	3	57
do. B	"	3	52
do. C	"	3	50
do. D	"	3	63
do. E	"	3	52
do. F	"		
do. G	"		
do. H	"		
do. I	"		
do. K	"		
		15	274

Aggregate.....289.

Second Battalion Cavalry—Major Thos. B. Gatch.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Baltimore County	5	
Non-com. Staff	"		5
Company A	"	3	59
do. B	"	3	58
do. C	"	3	52
do. D	"	3	67
		17	241

Aggregate.....258.

Eighth Battalion Cavalry—Leiut. Col. B. Hall Keen.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Harford County	6	
Non-com. Staff	"		5
Company A	"	3	53
do. B	"	3	57
do. C	"	3	52
do. D	"	3	54
		18	221

Aggregate.....239.

Second Brigade.

Thirteenth Regiment Infantry.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Talbot County		
Non-com. Staff	"		
Band and Drum Corps.	"		
Company A	"	3	49
do. B	"	3	52
do. C	"	3	63
do. D	"	3	50
do. E	"	3	48
do. F	"	3	50
do. G	"	3	48
do. H	"		
do. I	"		
do. K	"		
		21	370

Aggregate.....391.

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.

THIRD DIVISION—*Anne Arundel County.*

BRIG. AND BRVT. MAJOR GENL. FRANK A. BOND,

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Staff..... 17

FIRST BRIGADE.

Twelfth Regiment Infantry.

DESIGNATION.	LOCATION.	OFFICERS.	ENLISTED MEN
Field and Staff.....	Frederick County.....	.....	.....
Non-com. Staff.....	"	.....	.....
Band and Drum Corps.	"	.....	.....
Company A.....	"	..... 3.....	57
do. B.....	"	..... 3.....	48
do. C.....	"	..... 3.....	50
do. D.....	"	..... 3.....	60
do. E.....	"	.....	.....
do. F.....	"	.....	.....
do. G.....	"	.....	.....
do. H.....	"	.....	.....
do. I.....	"	.....	.....
do. K.....	"	.....	.....
		12	215

Aggregate.....227.

Fifteenth Regiment Infantry—Col. Henry J. Johnson.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Allegany County	8	
Non-com. Staff	"		7
Band and Drum Corps.	"		20
Company A	"	3	60
do. B	"	3	67
do. C	"	3	58
do. D	"	3	59
do. E	"	3	52
do. F	"	3	53
do. G	"	3	61
do. H	"	3	54
do. I	"	3	62
do. K	"	3	42
		38	595

Aggregate..... 633.

Seventeenth Regiment Infantry.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Prince George's Co		
Non-com. Staff	"		
Band and Drum Corps.	"		
Company A	"	3	57
do. B	"	3	63
do. C	"	3	58
do. D	"	3	50
do. E	"	3	55
do. F	"	3	46
do. G	"		
do. H	"		
do. I	"		
do. K	"		

Eighteenth Regiment Infantry.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff.....		.....	.....
Non-com. Staff.....	"	.....	.....
Band and Drum Corps.	"	.....	.....
Company A.....	"	.....	.....
do. B.....	"	.....	.....
do. C.....	"	.....	.....
do. D.....	"	.....	.....
do. E.....	"	.....	.....
do. F.....	"	.....	.....
do. G.....	"	.....	.....
do. H.....	"	.....	.....
do. I.....	"	.....	.....
do. K.....	"	.....	.....

Second Brigade.

Eleventh Regiment Infantry—Colonel Geo. W. King.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff.....	Anne Arundel Co.....	8.....	
Non-com. Staff.....	"	.....	 6
Band and Drum Corps.	"	.....	 20
Company A.....	"	..... 3.....	60
do. B.....	"	..... 3.....	67
do. C.....	"	..... 3.....	50
do. D.....	"	..... 3.....	50
do. E.....	"	..... 3.....	51
do. F.....	"	..... 3.....	49
do. G.....	"	..... 3.....	50
do. H.....	"	..... 3.....	52
do. I.....	"	..... 3.....	45
do. K.....	"	..... 3.....	61
		38	561

Aggregate.....599.

Sixteenth Regiment Infantry—Lieut. Col. J. G. Barber.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	St. Mary's Co	6	
Non-com. Staff	"		5
Band and Drum Corps.	"		10
Company A	"	3	52
do. B	"	3	58
do. C	"	3	50
do. D	"	3	59
do. E	"	3	46
		21	280

Aggregate.....301.

Third Regiment Cavalry—Colonel W. G. Williams.

Designation.	Location.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Field and Staff	Anne Arundel Co	10	
Non-com. Staff	"		7
Bugler Corps	"		24
Company A	"	3	68
do. B	"	3	67
do. C	"	3	50
do. D	"	3	63
do. E	"	3	56
do. F	"	3	61
do. G	"	3	62
do. H	"	3	52
do. I	"	3	58
do. K	"	3	60
do. L	"	3	57
do. M	"	3	55
		46	740

Aggregate.....786.

Fifth Battalion Cavalry—Lieut. Col. J. PARRON CRANE.

DESIGNATION.	LOCATION.	OFFICERS.	ENLISTED MEN.
Field and Staff	St Mary's Co	5	
Non-com. Staff	"		5
Company A	"	3	55
do. B	"	3	64
do. C	"	3	57
do. D	"	3	56
do. E	"	3	56
		20	293

Aggregate.....313.

Exhibit "B."

REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE OF THE ENGINEER BATTALION, MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD.

1. The Battalion shall consist of not less than four, (4) nor more than eight (8) Companies.

2. Each Company shall consist of not less than fifty, (50) nor more than one hundred (100) members.

3. None but Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, Draughtsmen, Machinists, Ship and House Carpenters, Stone and Brick Masons, Smiths, Founders, Painters, Plumbers and Gas Fitters will be admitted into the organization.

4. Every applicant must submit his Diploma as a Graduate, or his Certificate as an Apprentice, and proof of good character, to the Commission appointed by the Commander in Chief, who shall examine his qualifications for admission into the Battalion, and determine the rank to which his abilities entitle him.

5. Members of the Battalion who have been previously in military service, upon the production of their honorable discharge therefrom, or satisfactory proof of the same, shall be entitled to wear the veteran chevron.

SEC. 6. The Field and Staff shall consist of—

One Colonel with the Brevet rank of Brigadier General.

One Lieutenant Colonel and Chief of Miners with the Brevet rank of Colonel.

One Major and Chief of Sappers with the Brevet rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

One Major and Chief of Pontoniers with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

One First Lieutenant and Adjutant with the Brevet rank of Captain.

One First Lieutenant and Judge Advocate with the Brevet rank of Captain.

One First Lieutenant and Quartermaster with the Brevet rank of Captain.

One First Lieutenant and Commissary with the Brevet rank of Captain.

One Surgeon with the rank of Major.

One Assistant Surgeon with the rank of First Lieutenant.

One Chaplain with the rank of Captain.

Two Aides de Camp with the rank of First Lieutenant.

SEC. 7. The Non-Commissed Staff shall consist of—

One Master Miner,
One Master Sapper,
One Master Pontonier,
} Sergeants with Brevet rank of Second Lieutenant.

One Sergeant Major with Brevet rank of Second Lieutenant.

One Quartermaster Sergeant.

One Commissary Sergeant.

One Hospital Steward.

One Color Sergeant.

One Chief Bugler.

SEC. 8. Each Company shall consist of—

One Captain with the Brevet rank of Major.

One Senior First Lieutenant with the Brevet rank of Captain.

One Junior First Lieutenant.

One Senior Second Lieutenant with the Brevet rank of First Lieutenant.

One Junior Second Lieutenant.

One First Sergeant with the Brevet rank of Second Lieutenant.

One Miner,
One Sapper, } Sergeants.
One Pontonier,

Two Assistant Miners,
Two Assistant Sappers, } Corporals.
Two Assistant Pontoniers,

Two Drivers.

Two Buglers.

And not less than thirty-six nor more than eighty-six privates.

9. The Chiefs of Miners, Sappers, Pontoniers and the Company Commanders, will form the Academical Staff, the Commander of the Battalion being President.

10. They shall be assigned to the Professorships in the different Branches and Sciences for which they are best qualified.

11. The Commander shall assign such Subalterns as in his judgment he deems advisable as Assistant Professors.

12. All Officers upon qualifying, shall pledge themselves to instruct the Corps to the best of their ability in the different Branches of Science and Art as follows:

Military and Civil Engineering.
Mechanical and Mining Engineering.
Architecture and Drawing.
Mathematics, pure and combined.
Natural and Fundamental Physics.

Mechanics, Statics, Dynamics, Hydraulics, Hydrostatics, Pneumatics, &c., &c.

13. There will be a semi-annual examination for promotion to fill vacancies, the graduates taking precedence according to their passing, the ranking number being No. 1.

14. In this examination, attendance, good conduct and proficiency in drill, &c., will be taken into consideration by the Examining Board, and the result of each examination submitted to the Adjutant General for his approval.

15. The Corps will be guided by Article XLVI, [see 1388 to 1405, Revised U. S. Army regulations,] inclusive, the Militia Law of the State of Maryland and orders issued from these Head-Quarters.

Exhibit "C."

Suggestions for a New "Militia Law."

The Militia of this State shall be composed of all male white citizens, between the ages of twenty-one and forty years. Those who shall organize themselves into regular Regiments and Battalions shall be styled the Maryland National Guard, and shall be uniformed, armed, and equipped at the expense of the State. Enrolling officers shall be appointed throughout the State, by the Adjutant General, by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, whose duty it shall be to make an accurate list of all persons liable to Militia duty. They shall give bonds for the proper execution of their duties, and shall receive as compensation five dollars per diem, for a period not exceeding forty days. They shall form into companies all persons liable to Militia duty who have not become members of the Maryland Na-

tional Guard, and transmit regular muster and descriptive rolls of the same to the Adjutant General. Each company so formed, shall be entitled to elect their officers, who shall be regularly commissioned; but if they fail to elect, as above, within thirty days, after having been so formed into a company, then the commanding officer of the Military District to which they belong shall, having been directed so to do by the Adjutant General, detail an efficient officer from his command, for drill purposes, and the officer thus detailed, shall receive, as compensation, the sum of five dollars for each and every day he may be so employed; and the members shall be subject to such fines and penalties as if they had enlisted in the Maryland National Guard. Any man liable to Militia duty, who desires to place a substitute can do so, provided the said substitute is between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one or forty and forty-five.

Any male white citizen between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one, can voluntarily join the Maryland National Guard, provided he produces in writing the consent of his parent or guardian, as the case may be, and not otherwise; but in time of war, all male white citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five shall be held liable to Militia duty.

Any person liable to Militia duty, who shall become an *honorary* member of any company of the Maryland National Guard, and paying regularly his dues as such, shall be borne on the rolls of such company, and shall be regarded in all respects as an active member of the Maryland National Guard who is performing military duty, and his yearly receipts for dues from the treasurer of his company shall be his certificate of service.

Any member of the Maryland National Guard who shall furnish himself with his uniform, shall receive, at the expiration of his term of service, the amount so paid by him, provided, the said amount does not exceed the regular contract price, and in case of his death, his heirs shall receive, on depositing said uniform at the Adjutant General's office, the regular contract price for the same.

Every member of the Maryland National Guard, who shall, at the expiration of his term of service, present a certificate of faithful service from his commanding officer, shall be at his own option, exempt from Jury duty for *three years.* A like certificate of three years' service shall exempt the holder from Jury duty for *five years.* A like certificate of five years' service, shall exempt the holder from Jury duty for *ten years*, and also exempt him from all species of taxation on property within the value of five hundred dollars.

There shall be three honorable orders of distinction in the Maryland National Guard, viz :

The Order of Merit.
The Order of Perfection, and
The Legion of Honor.

The Order of Merit will be bestowed on two men annually from each company of the service, who shall have been designated for such distinction by a two-thirds vote of their respective companies.

The Order of Perfection will be bestowed on one man annually from each company of the service, who shall have been designated by a two-thirds vote of his company as the most perfect soldier.

The Legion of Honor will be bestowed on three men annually from each Regiment and two men from each Battalion, who shall receive the unanimous votes of their respective Regiments and Battalions.

Each of said "Orders," shall be accompanied by a Diploma, signed by the Governor and Adjutant General, and the decoration and Diploma presented by the Adjutant General on Full Dress Parade; and the recipients of said "Orders" shall be entitled to wear them on all occasions, at their own option.

The Governor and Commander-in-Chief may at pleasure bestow each or all of these "Orders," upon any member of the Maryland National Guard he may find worthy of such distinction.

Each officer and enlisted man of the Maryland National Guard shall, at the expiration of his five years' term of faithful service as fully proven, receive from the State of Maryland, to be paid out of the Militia Fund, the sum of ten dollars, and every member dismissed the service of the State by Court Martial, or cashiered for disgraceful or unsoldier-like conduct, shall pay a fine of ten dollars, if a private or non-commissioned officer, and twenty-five dollars if an officer.

Every member of the Maryland National Guard who absents himself from any full dress parade, or Battalion drill, shall pay a fine of one dollar, and any member who shall absent himself from any Law Parade, shall pay a fine of two dollars, unless he shall have furnished to his commanding officer, within two days thereafter, satisfactory proof that his absence was unavoidable.

These fines shall be paid into the military fund as soon as they have been collected.

Any applicant for membership in the Maryland National Guard can be rejected by a one-third vote of the company of which he makes application.

The Governor and Commander-in-Chief shall issue such orders as will insure the proper execution of the Law.

There are many sections of the present law which are good and necessary, but of course I leave their selection to the wisdom of the Legislature.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. H. BIER,

Adjt. General.